WYCOMBE WDRS. 1, SLOUGH TOWN 0

WYCOMBE, who had lost to Slough in their previous five encounters, gained their first win over their old rivals since February 1975 when they deservedly took the points last Thursday to maintain their challenge for the Isthmian League title.

Slough, with four men up front in the first-half, created the better chances. But the injured Terry Brown did not come out for the second-half and the only other openings Slough created were squandered by David Russell.

Slough were the first to threaten when Lee passed for Davies to fire into the side netting in the eighth minute. But Wycombe then took up the running and Priestley sent a stinging 30 yards drive just wide.

The visitors withstood a 10 minute spell of pressure, with Somers dropping back to make two clearances, and countered well in the 29th minute as Lee nodded on for Brown to graze the post with a diving header.

Wycombe continued to enjoy the better of the game territorially without creating any clear cut chances. It was a different story in the second-half and Wycombe grabbed the lead within a minute.

Evans appeared to handle the ball as he turned sharply to hook it against the bar but play was allowed to continue and top scorer Ian **Pearson** dived to head home the rebound for his 39th goal of the season.

Slough, who had brought on substitute Bartlett at half-time as Brown had suffered an ankle injury, almost fell 2-0 behind in the 55th minute. Porter raced out to knock the ball away from Kettleborough, only to see MacKenzie push it into an empty net. But referee Mr. C. Downey gave Slough a free-kick for off-side.

Slough: Porter; Gane, Turl, Beyer, Cooper; Readon, Davies; Somers, Russell, Brown, Lee. Sub: Bartlett (for Brown).